

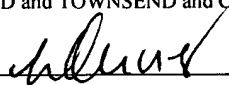


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 015258-048710US  
Client Ref. No.: CSPAT/P.7048/St/uw

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

RETO SCHOEB

Application No.: 10/004,194

Filed: October 31, 2001

For: BIOREACTOR AND METHOD  
FOR FLUIDLY SUSPENDING A  
PRODUCT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6423

Examiner: Beisner, William H.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1744

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Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from August 27, 2004 to September 27, 2004 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 27, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Appl. No. 10/004,194

PATENT

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.